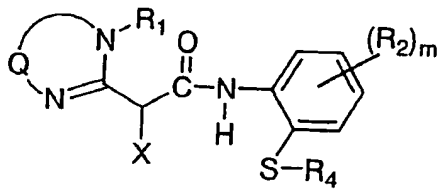
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (I):

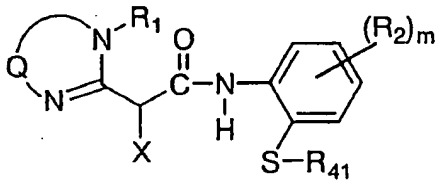
formula (I)



wherein Q represents a group of nonmetallic atoms that form a 5- to 7-membered ring in combination with the -N=C-N(R_1)-; R_1 is ~~$-(CH_2)_3O-R_{101}$~~ $-(CH_2)_3O-R_{101}$ in which R_{101} is an alkyl group having 4 to 8 carbon atoms and R_2 represents a substituent; R_4 represents an alkyl group; m represents an integer of 0 to 4; when m is 2 or more, the multiple R_2's may be the same or different, and the R_2's may bond with each other to form a ring; and X represents a hydrogen atom, or a group capable of being split-off upon a coupling reaction with an oxidized product of a developing agent.

2. (Currently amended) The yellow dye-forming coupler as claimed in claim 1, wherein the yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (I) is a yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (IA):

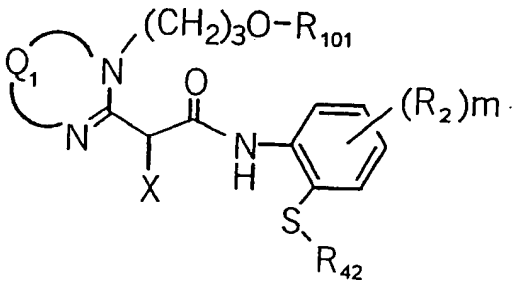
formula (IA)



wherein Q represents a group of nonmetallic atoms that form a 5- to 7-membered ring in combination with the -N=C-N(R_1)-; R_1 is ~~$-(CH_2)_3O-R_{101}$~~ $-(CH_2)_3O-R_{101}$ in which R_{101} is an alkyl group having 4 to 8 carbon atoms and R_2 represents a substituent; R_{41} represents a secondary or tertiary alkyl group; m represents an integer of 0 to 4; when m is 2 or more, the multiple R_2's may be the same or different, and the R_2's may bond with each other to form a ring; and X represents a hydrogen atom, or a group capable of being split-off upon a coupling reaction with an oxidized product of a developing agent.

3. (Currently amended) A yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (IB):

formula (IB)

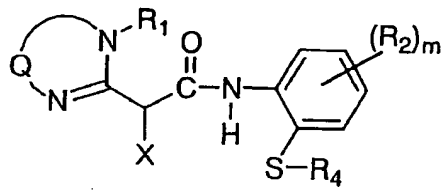


wherein Q_1 represents a group of nonmetallic atoms that form a 5- to 7-membered ring in combination with the ~~$-N=C-N((CH_2)_3O-R_{101})-$~~; $-N=C-N((CH_2)_3O-R_{101})-$; R_{101} represents an alkyl group having 4 to 8 carbon atoms; R_2 represents a substituent; R_{42} represents a primary alkyl group; m represents an integer of 0 to 4; when m is 2 or more, the multiple R_2's may be the same

or different, and the R_2's may bond with each other to form a ring; and X represents a hydrogen atom, or a group capable of being split-off upon a coupling reaction with an oxidized product of a developing agent.

4. (Previously presented) A silver halide color photographic light-sensitive material comprising at least one yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (I) in at least one layer provided on a support:

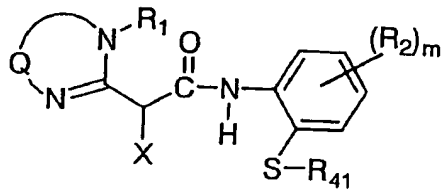
formula (I)



wherein Q represents a group of nonmetallic atoms that form a 5- to 7-membered ring in combination with the -N=C-N(R_1)-; R_1 is -$(CH_2)_3O$-R_{101} in which R_{101} is an alkyl group having 4 to 8 carbon atoms and R_2 represents a substituent; R_4 represents an alkyl group; m represents an integer of 0 to 4; when m is 2 or more, the multiple R_2's may be the same or different, and the R_2's may bond with each other to form a ring; and X represents a hydrogen atom, or a group capable of being split-off upon a coupling reaction with an oxidized product of a developing agent.

5. (Currently amended) The silver halide color photographic ~~light-sensitive~~ light-sensitive material as claimed in claim 4, wherein the yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (I) is a yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (IA):

formula (IA)

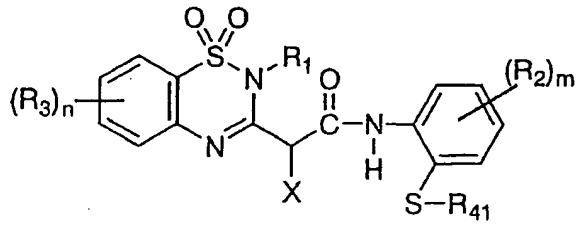


wherein Q represents a group of nonmetallic atoms that form a 5- to 7-membered ring in combination with the -N=C-N(R_1)-; R_1 is ~~-$(CH_2)_3$0-R_{101}~~ -$(CH_2)_3$O-R_{101} in which R_{101} is an alkyl group having 4 to 8 carbon atoms and R_2 represents a substituent; R_{41} represents a secondary or tertiary alkyl group; m represents an integer of 0 to 4; when m is 2 or more, the multiple R_2's may be the same or different, and the R_2's may bond with each other to form a ring; and X represents a hydrogen atom, or a group capable of being split-off upon a coupling reaction with an oxidized product of a developing agent.

6. (Currently amended) The silver halide color photographic ~~light-sensitive~~ light-sensitive material as claimed in claim 5, wherein Q in formula (IA) is a group represented by -~~C(-Rll)=C(-R12)-SO_2-~~ -C(-R11)=C(-R12)-SO_2- or ~~-C(-Rll)=C(-R12)-CO-~~, -C(-R11)=C(-R12)-CO-, in which ~~Rll~~ R11 and R12 are groups that bond with each other to form a 5- to 7-membered ring together with -C=C-, or they each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a substituent.

7. (Currently amended) The silver halide color photographic ~~light-sensitive~~ light-sensitive material as claimed in claim 5, wherein the yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (IA) is a yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (IIA):

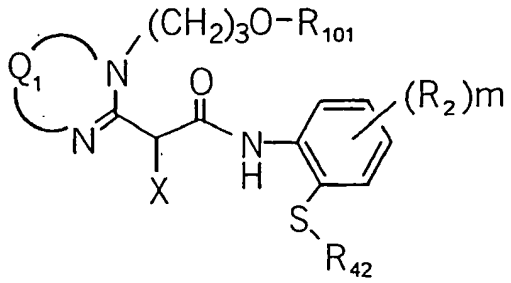
formula (IIA)



wherein R_1 is $-(CH_2)_3O-R_{101}$ in which R_{101} is an alkyl group having 4 to 8 carbon atoms and R_2 represents a substituent; R_{41} represents a secondary or tertiary alkyl group; m represents an integer of 0 to 4; when m is 2 or more, the multiple R_2's may be the same or different, and the R_2's may bond with each other to form a ring; R_3 represents a substituent; n represents an integer of 0 to 4; when n is 2 or more, the multiple R_3's may be the same or different, and the R_3's may bond with each other to form a ring; and X represents a hydrogen atom, or a group capable of being split-off upon a coupling reaction with an oxidized product of a developing agent.

8. (Currently amended) A silver halide color photographic ~~light-sensitive~~ light-sensitive material, comprising at least one ~~wherein the yellow dye-forming coupler is a~~ yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (IB) in at least one layer provided on a support:

formula (IB)

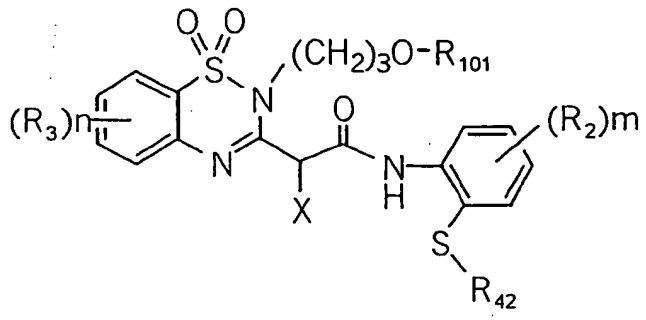


wherein Q_1 represents a group of nonmetallic atoms that form a 5- to 7-membered ring in combination with the ~~-N=C-N((CH$_2$)$_3$O-R$_{101}$)-~~; -N=C-N((CH$_2$)$_3$O-R$_{101}$)-; ~~R$_{101}$~~ R$_{101}$ represents an alkyl group having 4 to 8 carbon atoms; R_2 represents a substituent; R_{42} represents a primary alkyl group; m represents an integer of 0 to 4; when m is 2 or more, the multiple R_2's may be the same or different, and the R_2's may bond with each other to form a ring; and X represents a hydrogen atom, or a group capable of being split-off upon a coupling reaction with an oxidized product of a developing agent.

9. (Currently amended) The silver halide color photographic ~~light-sensitive~~ light-sensitive material as claimed in claim 8, wherein Q_1 in formula (IB) is a group represented by ~~-C(-RII)=C(-R12)-SO$_2$-~~ -C(-R11)=C(-R12)-SO$_2$- or ~~-C(-RII)=C(-R12)-CO-~~, -C(-R11)=C(-R12)-CO-, in which ~~RII~~ R11 and R12 are groups that bond with each other to form a 5- to 7-membered ring together with –C=C-, or they each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a substituent.

10. (Currently amended) The silver halide color photographic ~~light-sensitive~~ light-sensitive material as claimed in claim 8, wherein the yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (IB) is a yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (IIB):

formula (IIB)



wherein R_{101} represents an alkyl group having 4 to 8 carbon atoms; R_2 represents a substituent; R_{42} represents a primary alkyl group; m represents an integer of 0 to 4; when m is 2 or more, the multiple R_2's may be the same or different, and the R_2's may bond with each other to form a ring; R_3 represents a substituent; n represents an integer of 0 to 4; when n is 2 or more, the multiple R_3's may be the same or different, and the R_3's may bond with each other to form a ring; and X represents a hydrogen atom, or a group capable of being split-off upon a coupling reaction with an oxidized product of a developing agent.

11. (Currently amended) The silver halide color photographic ~~light-sensitive~~ light-sensitive material as claimed in claim 8, wherein R_2 in formula (IB) represents a t-butyl group.

12. (Currently amended) The silver halide color photographic ~~light-sensitive~~ light-sensitive material as claimed in claim 4, wherein the amount of the yellow dye-forming coupler is 1×10^{-3} mole to 1 mole per mole of silver halide.

13. (Currently amended) The silver halide color photographic ~~light-sensitive~~ light-sensitive material as claimed in claim 4, wherein an emulsion of the layer containing the yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (I) is a silver halide emulsion having silver chloride content of 90 mol% or more.

14. (Currently amended) The silver halide color photographic ~~light-sensitive~~ light-sensitive material as claimed in claim 13, wherein the silver halide emulsion is doped with an iridium complex.

15. (Currently amended) The silver halide color photographic ~~light-sensitive~~ light-sensitive material as claimed in claim 4, wherein a hydrophilic colloid layer is provided between the support and a color-forming silver halide emulsion layer nearest to the support.